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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/708,891	Applicant(s) KITAMURA, SATOSHI	
	Examiner Lee Lum	Art Unit 3611	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) all is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. An After-Final Amendment was filed 2/17/06, and has been approved for entry into the application.

Upon reconsideration, Examiner provides new rejections, and sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated
Mackinnon, GB 2161040 A.

Mackinnon discloses a bicycle power supply apparatus, as disclosed at least in fig 3, and p2, ln 12-59, comprising

Battery 12

which is charged from alternator 11, or second battery/capacitors C-sub-1,2, and, has second terminal connected to ground (fig 3),

Bicycle-condition detector B, including voltage sensor, switch, and resistance (p2, ln 25-27), detecting a selected condition that ordinarily does not require current from the battery (p1, ln 125-127),

including a condition in which the bicycle is stopped (p1, ln 127),

Voltage decreasing unit/current-drawing unit C that decreases voltage/draws current from the battery when the condition detector detects the selected condition (p1, ln 125-127), including

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Display/(electrical auxiliaries) lights (p1, ln 10-11), and,
Resistors R-sub-5 to sub-8 connected to the first and second battery terminals
(fig 3),

Wherein

the voltage decreasing unit controls motor driver 11, and,
input switch RL1 (p2, ln 19-27) coupled to the first battery terminal, and is
opened by the current-drawing unit when the condition detector detects the selected
condition.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all
obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackinnon in
view of Hideki, Jap. Abstract 09-271102.

Mackinnon discloses the elements as provided above, but does not disclose the stopped
condition as existing for a predetermined time period. Hideki shows this arrangement in a
similar circuit, in section 57; "when the vehicle stopping time for 30 minutes or more is
detected".

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention
was made to include this configuration, as shown in Hideki, to further provide voltage protection
when the stopped condition is for a certain time period, thus also protecting the electrical
auxiliaries while in this situation.

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4. RESPONSE TO REMARKS

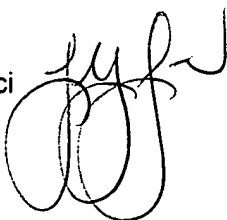
Upon reconsideration, Examiner provides new rejections for all Claims, and again sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience.

5. Communication with the Examiner/USPTO

Any inquiry concerning this communication, or others, should be directed to Ms. Lum at 571 272-6649, M-F, 9-5. If she cannot be reached, her supervisor, Ms. Lesley Morris, may be reached at 571 272-6651. Our central fax number is 571 273 8300.

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Ms. Lee S. Lum-Vannucci
Examiner
3/13/06

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lum-Vannucci', written over a circular stamp or mark.